

## Editorial

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With this issue, *Current Biology* shifts gear from monthly publication to 24 issues a year. There are two main reasons for this change. The first is that we have been receiving and publishing so many first class papers that recent issues of the journal have approached a size that is too large for comfort. The last thing we want is for *Current Biology* to fail the "shall I carry it with me?" test. With fortnightly publication, each issue should be around 100 pages rather than close to 200.

The other reason for doubling our frequency of publication is that information will reach you more quickly; nothing that is ready for publication need now wait for more than two weeks before getting into a printed issue. And to make sure that the issues reach you in a more timely fashion, we are upgrading the postal service used to deliver the journal in the USA and some other countries.

Delivery every two weeks is better than every month, but instant delivery would be even better. I am glad to report that our plan, announced a year ago, to publish each Research Paper online within two days of the return of the final proof, has passed from the stage of experimental to routine. We continue to refine this 'Continuous Publication System' and hope soon to use it for articles other than Research Papers.

Those of you who have recently looked at the online version of *Current Biology* may have noticed the addition to the table of contents of symbols that indicate if the online article contains movies/video clips, supplementary data, links to other websites, interactive molecular models, etc. We are happy to enhance the printed version of any paper with extra information that can be accommodated in the electronic version, but endeavour to ensure that the printed version remains self-sufficient in all important aspects. Even if you do not have online access to the full text of *Current Biology* papers, their supplementary material is freely available on the publisher's homepages (<http://biomednet.com/cbiology>).

As usual, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the editorial board who are standing down this year and to welcome those who are joining. Grateful thanks also to anyone who has advised us on papers during 1997; we could not manage without your generous help, and with the likelihood that we will receive at least twice as many papers in 1998 as in 1997, we hope we can rely on you yet more in the coming year.

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